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Title: Slitter-Splicer for Joining the Ends of Sheets Attorney No. 2106

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached status of claims

Please amend the specification at one paragraph as shown in the marked up paragraph attached.

REMARKS

The specification is amended for minor corrections.

This is in response to the office action of July 8, 2004, in which some claims were rejected, some were objected to; and others are withdrawn.

Applicant has amended the claims and argument is addressed to them as such. Applicant believes that the canceled claims are balanced by the new claims, so that no fee is required. However, if a fee is required, please charge deposit account 14-0711, reference number 2106.

The matter of objected-to and now-canceled claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 21, and thus claim 21 should be allowable.

Claim 24 was indicated as being potentially allowable. As it now depends from allowable claim 21, instead of claim 23, it should be allowable.

Claims 22 and 25 should be allowed as preferred embodiments of the patentable invention of claim 21.

New claim 36 should be allowed as a preferred embodiment of allowable claim 21. The subject matter of the claim is disclosed on page 9 of the specification.

New claim 37 represents an alternative (Jepson) way of claiming the invention which has been indicated as potentially patentable by the examiner. Allowance is thus requested.

Removal of the restriction requirement and allowance of claim 33 as now amended is requested. Withdrawn method claim 33 is amended for an effect which is analogous to that which makes the